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# LIVES ON A DEAD SOLDIER.

Wreck of a warrior pass'd away, Thou form without a name! Which thought and felt but yesterday, And dreamt of luture fame. Stripped of thy garments who shall Thy cank, thy lineage, and race! If haughry chieftain holding sway, Or lowlier destined to obey !.

The light of that fixed eye is set, And all is moveless now But Passion's traces linger vet. And lower upon that brow: the result has not yet wan't went, The line seem e'en in act to speak, And clenched the cold and lifeless hand, As if it grasped the battle brand,

Though from that head, late towering high, The waving plume is torn, And now in dust that form doth lie Disboner'd and foctors Yet Death's dark shadow cannot hide The gravest characters of pride, That on the lip and brow reveal The impress of the spirit's seal.

Lives there a mother to deplore, The son she ne'er shall see ? Or mailen, on some distant shore,
To break her heart for thee?

Perchance to room a maniac there, With wild flower wreaths to deck her hair, And through the lonely night to wait Thy footsteps at the lonely gate. Long shall she linger there, in vain The evening fire shall trim,

And gazing on the darkening main. Shall often call on him Who hears her net-who cannot hear :-Oh! deaf for ever is that ear That once in listening rapture hung Upon the music of her tongue !

Long may she dream-to wake is woe Ne'er may remembrance tell Its tale to bid her sorrows flow And hope to sigh farewell; -The heart, bereaving of its stay, Quenching the beam that cheers her way Along the waste of life-till she Shall lay her down and sleep like thee!

### THE BIVOUAC.

### A NIGHT AT THE MOUTH OF THE OHIO.

A TALE OF WESTERN VOYAGING. By J. W. Ingraham, author of "Lafitte," ce.

A few years since I was on my way to St. Louis, and took passage at Cincinnati on board the Steamer Chief Justice Marshall, which was bound to New Orleans, but from which I was to disembark at the mouth of the Ohio, there to wait for some New Orleans boat going up to take me to my destination. Our travelling party consisted of three ladies, a mother and two lovely daughters-deep in their teens, and a young gentleman and College. The boat was large and comfortable; a spacions state room offered us all the retirement of a private apartment in a dwelling.

It was a bright morning in October when we got under head-way from the landing and bending our course down the river, left the queen city receding in the distance. The prospect from the decks as we swepround the noble curve which forms the peninsula of this great metropolis was unequalled for beauty and variety. To the eye of the voyager, who gazes on the city and its opposite suburban shore, the river seems to flow through a valley peopled for centuries, rather than a region but fitty years ago a desofate wilderness Crowded population, taste, wealth, and a high degree of agriculture on the banks, all indicate the home of a long settled people, instead of the emigrant of yesterday. Astonished at what he beholds, the traveller's mind is overpowered at the confemplation of the future destiny of the land. This feeling is not only awakened by the sight of Cincinnati and its fleets of steamers, but it is kept alive as he proceeds down the winding and romantic river. On either bank noble farms descend with their waving fields to touch the lip of the laughing wave, and at short intervals thriving villages meet his never wearying sight. Unlike the monotony of the Mississippi, the Ohio ever presents objects of interest. The voyager of taste is ever upon deck, as he is borne through the picturesque regions, and exclamations of surprise are exhausted only to be repeated and renewed again and again.

The next morning morning affer quitting Cincinnati we reached Louisville, its lever as we approached presenting a scarcely less business like air than that of her rival city. Situated just above above the "Falls," it was then the head of a large boat navigation. But, a deep canal has since then been constructed around the falls nearly two miles in length, be which steamers laden in New Orleans can pass through without as heretofore, being detained and transferring their freight by drays to smaller boats above the falls, and pursue their way to Cincinnati or Piusburg. The river being now unusually high, the rocks of the rapids were nearly covered, and with skillul pilotage they might ventured, After an hour's delay at the landing we shot out into the middle of the stream, and set the boat's head to descend the rapids. As we approached them with the velocity of an arrow, there was not a word spoken on board save by the Pilot, who stood forward, giving brief orders to the helmsman. Black-rocks appeared on every side-the rapids routed and formed before us, seemingly in our very path; but onward we went with irresistable power, the vast steamer rolling to and fio like drunken : But we passed them safely, the captain hav ing risked his boat and cargo, and put in jeopardy bis own life and those of all on board. But human life is of so little value in the West, where there is so much of it floating about, none knowing whence or whither! Among our passengers were two, a lather and daugh-

the younger admiring with a calm but delighted book their journey and who were as deeply touched as my- gain to molest us. Before we all got prepared for a sec the velocity of the boat-the curling waters around her | self with their peculiar affliction. Str. Towaly and his and the wild roar and sufflime confusion of the scene daughter, there are, quit the boat with us, and the stea. through which she was borne. He was about fifty six mer landing our large party with our baggage upon the years of age, with a hobie counterance, which care shore resumed her swilt course down the river, Captain and grief had deply lised, his hair gray and his form | Clark receiving our good wishes for his safe and spec-

somewhat bent, less with years than with sorrow. An dy arrival at New Orleans. air of melancholy pervated his appearance and and irresistibly interested the beholder in him. Mis daughtehad fair hair and blue eyes, and seemed destined by nature to be happy hearted; for she spoke to him always with a sweet smile, and always smiled at seeing nov scenery that pleased her. But there was a pensiveness in her look that harmonized with the sadness apon his brow. Her attentions to him, I had observed were tender, devoted and full of anxious solicitute to draw him away from his own thoughts. At times she would speeeed, and he would look up and around at the green wooded banks and smile with momentary interferest, when she would appear perfectly happy, and tears would come into her eyes-tears of joy

During the course of the day I had an opportunity rendering him a slight assistance as he descended from the deck, for which the daughter gratefully thanked me, adding, my father is a little feeble, sir; I am in hopes this voyage will be of great service to him."

I warmty expressed the same desire, and as they immediately retfred to their state rooms I saw no more of them that day. The ensuing morning ascended the deck a few minutes after sun-rise and found them already promenading togethers, the father on the daughter's arm. The incident, and that oriel interchange of words the day before had conferred on me the privilege of approaching and inquiring after his health.

"Better, sir, I thank you," he answered with a grafeful look, "but," he added in a half tone which I could not help hearing, "It is not the body it is the spirit that

"Oh, dear father!" said his daughter glancing at me quickly, to see if I had overheard.

"Oh, my son, my son! would to God I had buried thee is thy infancy," added Mr. Townley for such I learned was his name: and he wrong his hands and threw himself upon a seat. His child seemed much distressed, and I was turning away fest my presence should invade secreey that she seemed soficitous to preserve, when he said, extending his hand, "Sit down, I am told you are from the South-from Natchez."

'Yes," I replied. "I am glad to meet you, I am going there, to-Dear father, hush!" cried the maiden with a look of

"I will inquire of him, Charlotte. Perhaps --- " "You can hear nothing, alas, but what you already too well know. Pray father do not speak of Henry!-Nay, then let me enquire. Sir," she said, clasping his hand and looking up in my face with tearful eyes, "we have a relative—a dear relative, sir in Natchez, who we have have have have have have have beard has wandered from the path of

"It is my son, sir," said Mr. Townley firmly. His daughter hung her head, and I could see the blush of shame mounting her forehead. "He is my only son, He was a clerk in Naw Orl-ans, and in an evil hour was tempted to gamble and lost all of his own money, and then embezzled that of his employer. To escape punishment he fled and joined the gamblers at Vicksbecome a principal leader among them, and that he remains mostly in Natchez. I am on my way to reclaim him. It is painful to a father to speak thus of a

son! Did you ever see him, sir?" "Townley," I repeated, - 'I never heard of the name in the name in the South except associated with men of

"We have discerned that he goes by the assumed name of Frank Carter," raid Mr. Townley.

I could not confess my ignorance, for I recognized the name of the most notorious gambler or "sportsman" in the South, who f om his influence with the different bands that infested the West from Louisville to New Orleans, was called "Prince Frank," I gazed ppon the father with pity, and upon the sister with feelings of the most painful sympathy I felt that their opes of reclaiming him was destined to perish. They remarked my silence, and the daughter, now that there was no more to be told to call the tinge of shame into her cheek. Hilled her head and looked into my face with anxious interest. Mr. Townley also waited earnestly to hear a reply from one who might have seen his son, and who could tell him something less evil than he had heard. I recollected him as a fine looking, richly dressed young, man, who used to make a dashing appearance at the St. Catharine's race course, in a baruene drawn by a pair of spirited bays, with a beauti. ful girl, his mistress, seated by his reckless profession, and it was said owned several dwellings in "Natchez under the Hill," the empire over which, as "Prince Frank," he ruled. But rencently, since I had left the South in May, there had been a war of extermination against the gambles, beginning at Vicksburg and swee, ping the whole South-West. What had become of "Prince Frank" in this well remembered and bloody crusade of the roused citizens of Mississippi to redeem their towns and cities from the hordes of blacklegs who infested them, I was igitorent.

"Do you know him sir? - Pray speak freely;" asked the daughter, after watching my countenance for some

I frankly informed her that her information had been correct, and while I expressed my hopes that their pious ourney to effect his reformation and restoration to soci. ety, might be successful I told her that I feared there

was little prospect of it. From this time I saw much ofthem, for Mr. Town ley loved to ait and talk to me of his son. At length we approached the mouth of the Ohio where we to separate, myself and my party to wait and take a boat up to St. Louisthey to continue their sad and hopeless voyage for the recovery of a lost son and brother.

As the boat was rounding too at the beautiful point of and now the site of the infant city of Cairo, Mr. Townley came to me and asked how long I and my friends would remain in St. Louis?

On learning it would be but for two days, and that we should then proceed directly down the Mississipp to and were in great terror, but were prevailed upon to

ter, that particularly attracted my attention, from the Natchez, he asked if it would be agreeable to us for, keep their recumbent positions sheltered from any fire of indifference to danger which both exhibited during the periods described described during the periods described desc

It was late in the afternoon when we landed upon the point, and as we learned a boat was looked for momenparity from below bound to St. Louis, we concluded not to remove our large quantity of baggage to the tavern, but remain with it, at least till night by the river side. Cairo chy, as this place is now denominated, was then comprised in a two story favern, called "Bird's Hotel," with a double gallery running around it,-in a sort of grocery store, one or two log hits and a vast foresful gigantic trees that covered nearly the whole place except "the clearing" on the extreame point. It was a desolate looking spot, especially on the approach of night. The tavern, too, had a bad name, the point being from its central position, a rendezvous for gamblers and from its rettred character, and the peculiar facilities it afforded for evading justice, the reluge of crimitals and all kinds of despense characters. Flat boats, also, always sure to be landed from steamers mutinous hands," or detected rogues. We had some knowledge of the character of the spot, and therefore chose to remain as long as we could on the levee, hoping the bost would soon appear and renper any further intimacy with the suspicious tavern unnecessary.

We therefore placed our trunks in a hollow square. and seating ourselves upon them, waited patiently for the expected boat. When the sun at length, set and co signs of her rewarded our long intense gazing, we began to wish we had waited at Cincinnati for a St. Louis boat, as the Broadway House we all acknowledged, was far more comfortable than the broad side of a river bank. I be landlord, now, on our application to him, roughly replied that his rooms were full. We had observed as we went to the house, several suspicious men lurking about the tavern, one of whom I recognized as a well known Natchez gambler. We felt no disposition to remain in their company at the tavern, well knowing the vindictiveness which they entertained, since their expulsion, against all Mississippians, and the annoyance we might expect if we were recognized to be from the South. As the night promised to be clear, and the moon rose as the sun set, we decided on remaining on the bank all night. We arranged couches for the ladies with cloaks and buffalo skins within the space enclosed by the trunks, and suspending on four stakes a large crimson Mexican blanket that belonged to the travelling equipment of the Louisianian, formed a serviceable canopy to protect them from the dew. We then opened our trunks and took out our knives and oistols, and the brother of the bride unlocked from his case a new double barreled piece he was taking home. There were of our party seven men, including two young merchants returning home to St. Louis from the East, who were bivouacked a few paces from us but who, on invitation, foined us. We had arms-the double bartelled lowling piece just named nine nistols and firelbowle knives, and powder and ball; we therefore felt sure of giving a good reception to any who molested us; for we knew that defenceless parties of bivouacking travellers had been attacked by armed bunditti, and robbed of every article of baggage, and their jewtravellers landing at the point who never embarked again. We therefore quietly loaded our arms, and having established a watch both for security and to look out for a steamer, and awaken the rest on its approach. we settled ourselves about our bivouack for the night The ladies soon went to sleep, confiding in our guardianship as women should ever do. Mr. Townley all this tertile portion, westward, for the space of 400 mile at once showed himself to be a man of resolute character, for the probable danger of the party roused him from the contemplation of his own sorrows to sympathy

with the feelings of those around him. The moon shone very bright, and the two great rivers flowed majestically past, their broad surfaces looking like torrents of molten steel, meeting a mile below the point, and blending into one dark flood which lost itself in the gloomy forests of the South. It was two in the morning. I was standing watch with Mr. Townley and the knight of the fowling piece, and one of the young merchants, when we observed a party of men suddenly issue from a path leading into the forest in the direction of two or three log huts. Hitherto the night had been still; the Hights had been early extinguished in the tavern, and the groups of boatmen that were lingering about the shore had returned on board their flats The party which we now saw was, when we discovered it, about three hundred vards off, moving at a quick tramp directly towards our bivonack. We instantly wakened our companions without disturbing the ladies, and having prepared our arms to give them a good reception should they prove hostile, we remained seated upon our trunks watching them. The moon now shone upon them'so clearly that we could count their number fourteen men, marching three and four abreast; it also gleamed upon weapons which some of them carried .-We were now satisfied that we were the object of an open attack by some of the desperadues who infested the point, who probably expected to find us unarmed and sleeping, and so pillage our baggage and persons if not do murder, if resisted. We let let them advance within fifty paces and then challenged One who walked by the side of the first rank then spoke to them and they halted.

"It you approach any nearer, be your errand peace ul or hostile we shall fire upon you," we said firmly. "Ha! they are prepared!" said one,

"No. It is a bravado. Let us on!" shouted an

"On, then," was the general cry, and they rushed to vards us in an irregular body.

We let them come within close pistol shot-all fired regular discharge But over their heads.

They suddenly stopped with a cry of surprise, fired pistol or two, and then retreated a lew paces and made a stand. One of them was evidently wounded, for we saw him fall, and with difficulty and groaning drag himself after his companions. The challenge and firing aroused the females of our party, who at first shricked,

and defence, they rushed upon us, firing pistols as they advanced, the balls of which whizzed overflux, and as we alle wards saw, pierced our trunks. Refuciant as we were to shed blood, we did not hesitate to return their fire, when they had got within five yards of us brandishing their knives, and as desperate a looking set of black-less as I should ever wish to encounter. A ball from Mr. Townley's pistol brought down their leader, and we were in the act of engaging with our knives, when a happy divers on was made in our favor by a shout close at hand, and a crew of gallant Kentucky boarmen con sisting of a father and five sons, roused by the skirmish ing, came up from their boat to our rescue. They rushed upon the gamblers so unexpectedly, that, after making slight defence, they fled into the forests, leaving their leader dead not four yards from our bivounch. At the same moment, the deep "boom" of an ascending steamer reached our ears. We were congratufating each other upon our escape, and thanking the brave boatmen, when a loud wild cry from Mr. Townley chilled the blood in our veins. We looked and seen him leaning over the body of the slain robber. His daughter flew to him, gazed at the face of the dead, shrieked and cast herself upon the body.

It was his son-her brother! He had fallen by his father's kand. Poor Mr. Townley! he never came to his reason, to realize the full extent of misery. He grew imbecile, and perished a few months afterwards, a broken-hearted wreak. Charlotte Townley still lives, but consumption is eating the bloom from her cheek, and her fading form will soon lie in the grave beside her

#### Territory of Nebraska.

Mr. Douglas, of Illinois, some days ago, introduce, into the House of Representatives, a bill to erect the territory of Nebraska. The reader will be curious to snow something of this proposed new member of the nation. We have now four constituted territories, two of which, Iowa, and Florida, are knocking at the door of the Union for admission at States. Where can Nebraska be? It will convey a forcible idea of the vas extent of our country if the reader will consider that i ties to the west of the State of Missouri, adjoining tha State, but having between it and the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, four hundred miles of territory

We append a very satisfactory account of the proposed new Territory, which we find in the report of th Secretary of War:

The immediate valleys of the head streams of the Ar kansas, the Platte and the Yellow Stone Rivers, havmuch rich and valuable land. The Platte or Nebrasks being the central stream leading into or from the grea South pass, would very properly furnish a name to th territory, which I propose suggesting to be erected int a territorial government in connection with, and prel minary to the extention in that direction, of our mil tary posts. I would confine the Nebraska Territory t our undisputed possessions on this side of the Rock Mountains. Its boundary line would commence at the mouth of the Kansas, and run up the Missouri river he mouth of the Running water river, and would pu sue that stream to the head of its northern branch, an thence due west to the Wind river range, and the mai chain of the Rocky Mountains, to the head of Kansa and following that stream to the mouth of the Pawne Fork, would pass by the heads of the Neosha and O

The eastern section of the region embraced by the boundaries, from the Missouri river westward for tw hundred and fifty miles, is of great agricultural beau and facilities, thickly timbered on numerous tributaries of the Kansas, Osage and Neosha rivers, and in fertilit equal to the best land in Missouri. From the limit the country is entirely covered with rich grasses, which improve in quantity and quality up to the snow of th

mountains. The limits of this territory include the extreme hea of navigation of the Arkansas, all the good lines communica ion with California, the road from or frontier to the Mexican boundary and Santa Fe, an also an excellent and more direct pass to Oregon, dis covered by recent exploration, about one hundred at fifty miles southward of the great South Pass.

Although the number of inhabitants engaged in age culture and other pursuits within those limits do n afford the amount of population at all adequate, at pre ent, to the formation of a full and complete territori government, yet such an inchote or preliminary organ ization might be now adopted as would be necessary to extend the control and authority of the general government, and to throw its protection around our emigrants to Oregon in their passage through this country.

OLD NEWSPAPER. - There is nothing more be seficial to the reflecting mind than the perusal of an old newspaper. Though a silent preacher, it is one which conveys a moral more phipable and forcible than the most elaborate discourse. As the eye runs down its diminurive and old-tashioned columns, and peruses in quaint advertisements and by gone paragraphs, the question forces itself on the mind. Where are now the busy multitude whose names appear on these page where is the puffing auctioneer, the pushing tradesmar and bustling merchant, the calculating lawyer, who each occupies a space in such chronicles of departed ime? Alas, they have passed away like their fore fathers, and are no more seen! From these considerations the mind naturally turns to the period when we who may enjoy our span of existence in this chequered scene, shall have gone down into dust, and shall furnish he same moral to our children that our fathers do to us The sun will then shine as bright, the flowers will bloom as fair, the face of nature will be as beautiful as ever while we are reposing in our narrow cells, heedless o everything that once charmed and delighted us

IMPORTANT TO THOUSANDS. The Mississippian of a late date, contains the follow ing paragraph -"It is said, and we have g sed authorit or repeating it, that President Polk will not confer of fice upon any man who is an applicant for it, either it

A Witness.—"Small thanks to you," said a plaintif to one of his witnesses, "for what you have said in thi case." "Ah, sit," said the conscious witness, "bu bink of what I sid n't ray,"

A SAGACIOUS DOG .- A dog of a mongret breed with whom he could clare the slightest acqual The Doctor, however, does not foolishly throw awar the money given to him, but spends it in the most i ous manner. The shop which he first patronic with his custom, was that of a hater, who only gave him a pap or a biscuit fur his bawbee; but he has now, him a bap or a biscuit for its baying; but he had changed his place of business, not on account of any difference in political or religious feeling, but simply because in mercantile phraseology, he "dan do better."

The Doctor, who has become somewhat Epicarean in his cating, now frequents a cool shop, kept by a black man in Exchequer-row, who gives him good value for his money; one day, perhaps, a bit of pouted head; and her, a slice of cold meat, or something dainty. week this animal struck on an acquaintance with s cal gentlemen, who take their stand at the Athenæum door, between the hours of nine and ten in the morning. While this acquaintanceship is amusing to the one party, who are glad to see that their charity is not brown away or improperly spent, it is very profitable to the other. From the Doctor's punctual habits of atmdance, we have no doubt he will soon get into favor. with the major part of the Athensum. We way also state, as a trait to his character, that when not hungry, be has been known to give to the children, who are favorites with him, the half-pennies given to hims In the course of one afternoon, he gave a little girl twopence, which he obtained in small coin .- Aberdeen

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#### PRETTY TALL SHOOTING. The N. York Gazette thus chronicles the doings of a narksman who has his abiding place in that file

There resides in Front street a gentleman who, in Castle Garden, fired a ball from a tifle at sixty yards listance into the centre, and in a successive shot andther ball on the other, so as to fasten them together. The same person at the Thatched Cottage, Jersey City, nade a trifling wager of 16 to 1, that he would, with ineling pistol, shoot into the size of a dollar at 15 yards distance. He bit the exact cent he drove the nail, and had a sixpensy piece placed on the centre, and its edge raced with a penkife:

# BOTH RICH AND RASCALLY.

A letter from Vera Cruz, giving an account of the movements against Santa Anna, and the arrangements he has made to overcome them; says;-"Should fates pe against him, he will retire to Spain, orper haps to ingland, where he has invested five or six millions of lollars, upon which he can live comfortably for the rest of his days !

CANDIDLY COMPLIMENTARY .- The Washington cor espondent of the Baltimore Patriot, a whig paper ays:-Col. Polk will make a capital Inaugrual Adiresa. He is a good speaker-chaste, cotreet, and ant nated. He strives after no flowery or high-wrough netaphors, tot spenia straight on, in good English, and understandings of the people, while every thorme This rather peculiar, to some repulsive, to others interesting face is lit up with animation. I heard, him deliver his Inaugenal Address in 1839, us Governor of Tennessee, all - was red made market and a

fation thred 183s thee of Li ent will come it'd the soweth. Lighter in weight than sie grants and, he were to the Lego with of black below.